

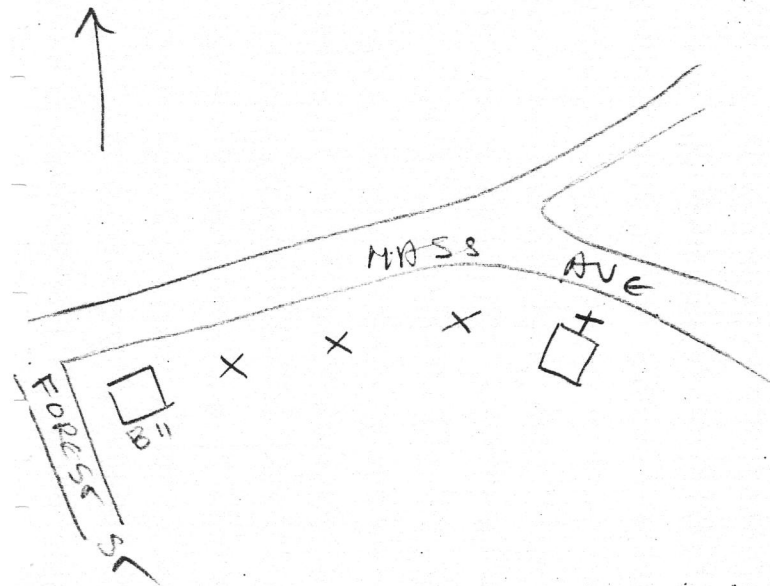
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

Lexington _____
 SS 1970 Mass Ave
Alexander Tucker House
 nt use Dwelling
 nt owner Cataldo, Robert
 iption: 1881 / 1904 (rebuilt after fire)
 rce Tuttle list
Queen Anne

Builder David A. Tuttle
 Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Yellow Clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features Hip Roof - Gothic Front
Gable, Dentil Course - wide corn
Two Downstairs front bays - bay
on east Ell on east oriel window on west
Brick foundation - small front portico, cherry
Pattern Stained glass panel over doorway

Fire damage/rebuilt 1904

Altered Ell on east added Date 1972 ?
Completely Renovated

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 80'

Approximate distance of building from street

25'

6. Recorded by Ruth Beebe

Organization Lex. Hist. Comm.

Date August 18, 1975

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Alexander Tucker

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	Humanitarian	_____
Community development	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above) *daughter*

Built for Alexander M. Tucker in 1881, by housewright ~~David~~ *daughter* Ainsworth Tuttle. Remained in the Tucker family until the death of Rose Tucker in 1971. Subsequently, the house was purchased by Robert Cataldo, who removed the front porch, constructed a circular driveway, and added a substantial wing on the east elevation.

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
1970 MASS. AVE.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

On March 12, 1881, the *Lexington Minute-man* reported that:

Mr. A. M. Tucker has broken ground on his land adjoining the estate of Rev. Henry Wescott, and will erect a dwelling for himself at once.

Alexander Marcellus Tucker was born at Charlestown in 1844 and came to Lexington in 1878. He and his son Arthur were dry and fancy goods merchants.

In January 1904 the house was heavily damaged by fire; a detailed account of the fire and its aftermath appeared in the *Lexington Minute-man* on January 23, 1904. According to the article, the main part of the interior of the house was damaged by fire, smoke and water, especially the upper stories and most of the roof was destroyed. The ell was relatively unscathed. By July of the same year the house had been rebuilt.

A. M. Tucker's daughter, Rose Tucker (b. 1872) owned the house until her death in 1971.

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